

## Message Text

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P 060655Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
TO SECSTATE WASH DC PRIORITY 7640  
TREASURY DEPT WASHDC  
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0973

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (UTAYBA, MANA), ENGR  
SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND UAE OIL  
MINISTER UTAYBAH

REF: (A) TREASURY MSG 7727 AND 9552  
(B) ABU DHABI 632

1. AMBASSADOR HAS CONTACTED MINISTER UTAYBA RE CHANGE IN MEETING  
SCHEDULED WITH TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL FROM 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM  
ON MAY 2. THIS PRESENTS NO PROBLEM FOR THE MINISTER. HOWEVER, HE HAS  
ASKED IF HE COULD DELAY GIVING HIS FINAL CONFIRMATION FOR A FEW DAYS  
UNTIL OPEC DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE CONSULTATIVE MEETING  
EARLY MAY AND WHERE. AS DEPT AWARE (ABU DHABI 848), OPEC CONSULTATIVE  
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4 AT GENEVA WAS POSTPONED. AS OF THIS  
MOMENT, IT APPEARS THAT CONSULTATIVE MEETING MAY TAKE PLACE IN  
RIYADH,  
SAUDI ARABIA ON MAY 1 OR MAY 4 BUT IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER ALL  
OPEC MEMBERS ARE AGREED TO ONE OF THESE DATES OR THE PLACE.

2. WE WILL SHORTLY BE COMMUNICATING SUBJECTS WHICH UTAYBA IS LIKELY  
TO RAISE DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT ASSUMING IT TAKES PLACE. WITH  
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TREASURY, HOWEVER, HE WILL SPECIFICALLY WANT TO DISCUSS HIS CONCEPT  
OF A BASKET OF CURRENCIES TO CALCULATE OIL PRICES (ABU DHABI 630),  
AND  
TREASURY MIGHT WELL HAVE SOME PERTINENT OBSERVATIONS ON THE  
COMPLICATIONS OF SHIFTING TO A SCHEME OF THIS KIND PLUS WHATEVER  
ASSURANCES IT CAN GIVE ON USG STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE  
DOLLAR.

DICKMAN

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